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THE CALL IS FOR
ACTION NOW

(New York Herald Tribune)

Each American who dies in Korea—and they are dying every day—each yard of ground grudgingly lost, is a cruel fact driving home a grim truth: America was not ready. It is still not ready—to meet the assaults of a handful of North Korean divisions on equal terms. It is obviously not prepared to meet the far greater test that may come at any moment in Europe, thrusting toward the American homeland.

The Administration is moving toward the correction of some of the most glaring inadequacies in national defense. Last week the President spoke of raising the strength of the armed forces to "close to 3,000,000" men. On Saturday night he spoke of production goals and civilian controls. In terms of what the nation possessed in military power on the eve of the Korean invasion, these steps may be considered progress. In terms of what is needed if Western Europe is to be defended for freedom and America is to be safeguarded, the Administration program falls short.

Senator Lodge calls for at least thirty divisions, for the speediest possible realization of the President's vague promise of 3,000,000 men under arms. His appeal has been indorsed by Senator Taft, as it must be by all Americans who sense the dangers of this critical hour. Army divisions in such numbers will require additional tactical air support, and a Navy to take them safely to the points of peril. They need tanks, and modern weapons, all the items which came so slowly in Korea and whose want is still so sorely felt. They need stockpiles of ammuniiton and clothing. In short, they need a great national effort to raise and support them.

That effort will be forthcoming. Whether thirty divisions—or forty—with all the strength of the Air Force and Navy that is needed to make them effective, should be the precise goal is not the point. America's weakness has been exposed; America's strength must now be made manifest. Not in speeches, not in threats of that the United States could do, not in boasts of what was once done, but in actual fighting forces; men trained, armed and equipped; factories producing tanks, planes and guns; a nation responding with courage and ingenuity to the danger. President Truman has seemed to hestiate between the need to inspire the people and the wish to soothe them. Americans do not require soothing in the face of danger. Nor do they need leadership. Instead, they can provide it. They call upon the President for action—now.

HOMEWARD BOUND

(From New York Times)

Proceedings in the upper house of Congress were hectic, as they frequently are when a session is about to be interrupted by adjournment or recess. Another hectic phase is now beginning as the Senators, one -third of whom must seek re-election if they wish to come back, and the Representatives, all of whom labor under the same necessity, turn homeward. The Eighty-first Congress has done much useful work since January. It has voted funds for defense; it has acted, though belatedly, to check inflation, and it has granted economic and military aid to our friends in Europe in spite of some regrettable cuts in the E. C. A. funds, a pitifully limited appropriation for Point 4 and a mandatory loan to General Franco's dictatorial Government in Spain. It has shown little enthusiasm for civil rights and it has voted anti- Communist legislation, parts of which may threaten the civil rigits of citizens who have no sympathy whatever with communism.

On this record it goes to the county. In numerous constituencies of the old South the candidates on the Democratic ticket may take life easy. They fought their fight against other Democrats in the primaries. But in the country as a whole there will be some active campaigning, and the large independent vote will have a decisive voice. So many elements enter into the picture that it is impossible to make sound predictions. Ordinarily we would expect some gains for the opposition in a mid-term campaign. But these are not ordinary times. No one can tell to what extent the sweep of world events, the necessary sacrifices that all of us must make and the record of the policies which brought us where we are will change votes.

One fact remains. No branch of our Government can claim to be the master of the American people. Congress does not go home to give orders. It goes home to receive orders. And the orders given to Congress by the electorate this fall will have to be accepted as such by the Administration. The voice of the people—of the millions of voters going to the polls on Nov. 7—will be heard. Perhaps the people, if they could be thought of as having a collective consciousness, already know what that voice will say. But as individuals we have to wait and see.

THE ANSWERS MAY COME

(The Richmond News Leader)

We heard recently a rather vivid illustration of the relative age of man in the history of the earth. It goes something like this:

Visualize a quarter balanced on the end at the top of the Empire State Building. The height of the building is the age of the earth before the advent of man. The height of the coin is the time that man has lived on the earth. With your thumb, rub the tarnish from the top of the coin, and you wipe away all the years of recorded civilization.

We might stop to ponder this for a moment. All things considered, perhaps we are doing about as well as might be expected: perhaps the answers we need will come, when the tarnish is a little thicker.

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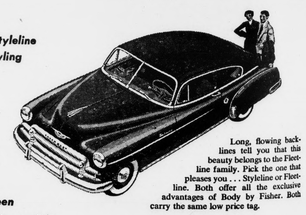

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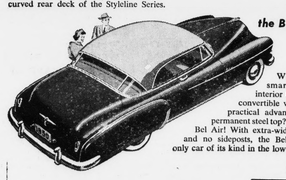

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APPOMATTOX HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

Barbara Ann Johnson, Reporter

Another week has passed and here we are back with a little more chatter of happenings at A. H. S. I do hope everyone is feeling fine and dandy.

To start the week off everyone was glad to hear of the many clubs offered this year. Tuesday we had a chapel program at which time Mr. Kerr informed us of the new clubs and explained about the membership of these clubs. Some of the clubs offered are: Commercial, Hi-Y, Tri-Y, Debating, Music, Science, Library, Dramatic, Spanish and Latin. All of us are looking forward to being a member of one of these clubs, I'm sure.

The Sophomore Class met Tuesday to select their class officers. They are as follows:

President, Kenneth Jamerson
Vice-pres., Carter Woodson
Secretary and treasurer, Rebecca Babcock
Reporter, Jesse Harvey.

Everyone is very proud of our football team for their victory over Crewe here last Friday night, by a score of 20—0. Henry Doss made one of the touchdowns and Edd Cawthorne the other two. Maymond Mitchell and Kendall Hunter scored the extra points. Although we had a great deal of bad weather before the game, we were glad to see such a large crowd. I hope everyone will try to support our team to the utmost.

Football always leads to something else, and this time it is to Homecoming Day, October 13. The schedule for that day is as follows:

11:00 A. M.—12:30 P. M. Speakers in the auditorium.
1:45: Parade.
2:30: Pep Rally at auditorium.
3:00 Football game.
9:00: Crowning of Homecoming King and Queen.
10:00—12: Alumni Dance in the Cafeteria.

The P.-T. A. held its first meeting Tuesday night at the school with a fairly good attendance. Every one was grateful to the Appomattox Garment Company for the gift of $250.00 to the school to go for a dantal clinic.

The Junior Class elected officers Monday. They are as follows:

President, Billy Johnston
Vice-pres., Shirley Walton
Secretary, David Wood
Treasurer, Sylvia Burks
Reporter, Lewis Garrett
Historian, Ann Goad.

We are glad to see each class getting an early start and hope each one will have a successful year.

I guess that's about all this week. If anyone has some news of A. H. S. which I have overlooked, I will appreciate your telling me.

Liberty Chapel

Liberty Chapel, Sept. 27.- The family of J. H. Reynolds attended a family reunion Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Denway of Halifax.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Thornhill and daughters visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Don Owen, of Randolph, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Preston Coleman visited Mr. and Mrs. Tom Inge, of Lynchburg Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Turnhill and daughter, of Cleveland, Ohio, were dinner guests last Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Guntur.

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